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different period is set forth herein. The Contracting Officer may release the Contractor from all or part of the requirements of this clause for specifically identified technical data items at any time during the period covered by this clause.

(b) Technical data declaration. (1) All technical data that are subject to this clause shall be accompanied by the following declaration upon delivery:

TECHNICAL DATA DECLARATION (JAN 1997)

The Contractor, _____, hereby declares that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the technical data delivered herewith under Government contract No. _____ (and subcontract _____, if appropriate) are complete, accurate, and comply with the requirements of the contract concerning such technical data.

(End of declaration)

- (2) The Government shall rely on the declarations set out in paragraph (b)(1) of this clause in accepting delivery of the technical data, and in consideration thereof may, at any time during the period covered by this clause, request correction of any deficiencies which are not in compliance with contract requirements. Such corrections shall be made at the expense of the Contractor. Unauthorized markings on data shall not be considered a deficiency for the purpose of this clause, but will be treated in accordance with paragraph (e) of the Rights in Data—General clause included in this contract.
- (c) Technical data revision. The Contractor also agrees, at the request of the Contracting Officer, to revise technical data that are subject to this clause to reflect engineering design changes made during the performance of this contract and affecting the form, fit, and function of any item (other than technical data) delivered under this contract. The Contractor may submit a request for an equitable adjustment to the terms and conditions of this contract for any revisions to technical data made pursuant to this paragraph.
- (d) Withholding of payment. (1) At any time before final payment under this contract the Contracting Officer may, in the Government's interest, withhold payment until a reserve not exceeding \$100,000 or 5 percent of the amount of this contract, whichever is less, if in the Contracting Officer's opinion respecting any technical data that are subject to this clause, the Contractor fails to—
- ject to this clause, the Contractor fails to—
 (i) Make timely delivery of such technical data as required by this contract:
- data as required by this contract;
 (ii) Provide the declaration required by paragraph (b)(1) of this clause;
- (iii) Make the corrections required by subparagraph (b)(2) of this clause; or
- (iv) Make revisions requested under paragraph (c) of this clause.

(2) Such reserve or balance shall be withheld until the Contracting Officer has determined that the Contractor has delivered the data and/or has made the required corrections or revisions. Withholding shall not be made if the failure to make timely delivery, and/or the deficiencies relating to delivered data, arose out of causes beyond the control of the Contractor and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(3) The Contracting Officer may decrease or increase the sums withheld up to the sums authorized in subparagraph (d)(1) of this clause. The withholding of any amount under this paragraph, or the subsequent payment thereof, shall not be construed as a waiver of any Government rights.

(End of clause)

 $[52\ FR\ 18155,\ May\ 13,\ 1987,\ as\ amended\ at\ 62\ FR\ 239,\ Jan.\ 2,\ 1997]$

52.227-22 Major System—Minimum Rights.

As prescribed in 27.409(r), insert the following clause:

MAJOR SYSTEM—MINIMUM RIGHTS (JUN 1987)

Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, the Government shall have unlimited rights in any technical data, other than computer software, developed in the performance of this contract and relating to a major system or supplies for a major system procured or to be procured by the Government, to the extent that delivery of such technical data is required as an element of performance under this contract. The rights of the Government under this clause are in addition to and not in lieu of its rights under the other provisions of this contract.

(End of clause)

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52.227-23 Rights to Proposal Data (Technical).

As prescribed in 27.409(s), insert the following clause:

RIGHTS TO PROPOSAL DATA (TECHNICAL) (JUN 1987)

Except for data contained on pages _____, it is agreed that as a condition of award of this contract, and notwithstanding the conditions of any notice appearing thereon, the Government shall have unlimited rights (as defined in the *Rights in Data—General* clause contained in this contract) in and to the technical data contained in the proposal dated _____, upon which this contract is based.